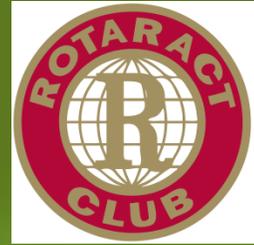




Joint Bulletin



Rotaract Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town (RI District 3292)

&

Rotaract Club of Thane Central (RI District 3140, Region 3A)





Message from the President (RAC Kathmandu Mid-Town)

Dear Rotaractors,

Earth Day is an annual day on which events are held worldwide to demonstrate support for environmental protection. We on Rotaract have been doing a lot of activities on environmental protection for long years. This year marking Earth Day here we are releasing this International joint bulletin with RAC Thane Central, highlighting on the major projects we did on environmental related issues and also covering the essay relating to environment. It gives me an immense pleasure to welcome all the readers.



I hope you will enjoy reading this bulletin. Let's get united to protect this planet Earth.

Rtr. Kishor Acharya
Club President 2012-13
Zone 9, RID 3292

Message from the President (RAC Thane Central)

Dear Rotaractors,
Warm Rotaract Greetings to you from RID 3140

It is no secret that today we need to make an effort to conserve our environment! With the modern day struggles to keep the carbon emission down keeping our surrounding clean and not impacting the ozone layer, we as Rotaractors need to step up to the challenge and own some responsibility towards making a greener tomorrow!



The Rotaract Club of Thane Central has tried to their bit this year by stepping up to the challenge through some green initiatives. It is extremely imperative in the modern times and we are grateful to see other clubs also willingly doing their bit.

It's time to go reduce reuse and recycle and perfect mother Earth!
We hope you readers too will be inspired by our efforts and join hands with us!
Gets go green for a better tomorrow

Yours-In-Rotaract
Rtr. Yashad Kirtane
Club President 2012-13
Zone 3A, RID 3140



FACING THE CLIMATE CHANGE: One step at a time

Climate change is not a distant threat looming on the horizon. It is already here and has impacted all walks of life on earth. In Nepal, the impacts are more serious as it has hit the major livelihoods base of common people. Recent incidents have emphatically demonstrated our growing vulnerability to climate change. Although the consequences of climate change will be borne by all, particularly future generations can expect to bear a heavy burden because they will live longer and will face this challenge throughout their lifetime. The situation of youth in developing countries like Nepal is especially fragile. In Nepal youth (16-40 years) make up 38.8percent of the total population and many of them are already facing a difficult transition to adulthood owing to social and economic instability and widespread poverty.



Addressing and adjusting to the challenge of climate change is certain to be a defining feature of the future of today's youth. Till the date an overwhelming majority of youth point out political leaders to do all they can to stop climate change, but youths themselves have not taken their own responsibilities in this context. It is therefore critical that young people educate themselves and become more conscious and responsible by getting actively involved in combating this threat. Youth can make a difference provided they realize their importance to their society, nation and the earth as a whole. Youth have long been involved in environmental protection activities at the school and community levels, but the time has also come for them to participate more actively in shaping global decisions relating to climate change. Young people must contribute to the process of addressing this critical challenge, as they will feel its impact most acutely throughout their lives.

Youth and youth organizations have an important role to play. Throughout the world, youth have developed creative ways to raise awareness, share information, build capacities, and work together on climate change mitigation and adaptation practices often achieving impressive results through their own initiatives. It is high time for youths to continue this legacy by further nurturing their novel ideas and acting prudently to save the planet Earth. We must also be the real players to substantiate the idea of 'green economy' in sustainable development.

The main constraints youths of today face in taking action include hesitations about how and where to begin, limited confidence in their ability to make a difference, poor financial resources and a lack of political and community support. Even though these seem genuine concerns they should not be perceived as insurmountable obstacles. The fact is that youths can realize their aspirations for the superior earth even by introducing small changes in their daily lives, strengthening their commitment to action one step at a time. Although everyday measures to reduce carbon emissions and protect the environment may seem of no consequence, they can actually add up and make a real difference; especially when entire youth communities take a part.

Rtr. Prabesh Ghimire
Director- Professional Service Avenue



“Let’s clean up and Recycle in Maharajgunj”:

With the Objective starting mission to create mass awareness and waste management, promoting environment conservation, we Rotaract Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town Organized a cleaning campaign named “Lets Clean up and Recycle in Maharajgunj” Program in collaboration and support from US Embassy marking World Environment Day on 5th June. At First, Team of Rotaractors gathered at US Embassy parking lot then the group of 31 Volunteers including 2 Rotarians marched towards the Teaching Hospital, Institute of Medicine (IOM) Area. Each Volunteer was equipped with waste collecting bags and self protecting accessories such as masks and gloves to collect the garbage, plastics and other waste materials on the street along the dissemination of education of street vendors and shops around the area. We collected the garbage in different sacks separating the degradable and non-degradable.



Different Youth Organization and local Business Clubs also participated in the Program.

Prime Objective:

Create mass of Awareness and Promote Environment Conservation.

Beneficiaries:

The total of 31 participating youths and students, and local people realized the present condition of environment. Similarly they feel the importance of its conservation.

Concern for Environment:

After the "Lets Clean up and Recycle in Maharajgunj Program", we felt the need of Dustbins at Teaching hospital. So we Rotaracts of Kathmandu Mid-town provided two dustbins to Teaching Hospital to help in solid waste management in and around hospital area, institute of medicine.

Prime Objective:

The major objective of the project was to help in solid waste management in and around institute of medicine Maharajganj.





Message from the International Service Desk,

Dear Rotaractors,

It is with immense pleasure that Rotaract Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town, RID 3292 in joint collaboration with Rotaract Club of Thane Central, RID 3140 bring to you this special bulletin marking the "World Earth Day" which falls on 22nd April, 2013. This bulletin is a small effort of the two clubs to make our readers support the wonderful cause of environmental protection. Let us all realize that Mother Earth needs our support so that our coming generation can also see all the beautiful things and the green environment as we have experienced. As the national anthem of Earth day by Ludwig van Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" says:

Joyful.. Joyful..

We adore our Earth in all its wonderment,
Simple gifts of nature that all join into a paradise
Now we must resolve to protect her
Show her our love throughout all time
With our gentle hand and touch
We make our home a newborn world
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Let us all join together for a Green Earth!!

Rtr. Pooja Lama
Director-International Service Avenue
RAC Kathmandu Mid-Town



Rotaract club of Thane Central

“CHAKACHAK – to make Mumbai Clean”

Let me first thank you for an awesome initiative on World Earth Day!

With regards to the article we would like to share a recent project called “CHAKACHAK”

Project Details:

Date: 21st October, 2012

Venue: All over Mumbai

Organized jointly by 9 clubs

Concept: To make Mumbai clean

The Rotaract Club Of Thane Central joined hands with 8 other clubs from RID 3140 in an effort to clean up Mumbai.



The idea was to clean the local station platforms in an effort to get people not to litter around & not to dirty the stations. RAC Thane Central also undertook a special effort to recognize the local platform sweepers & cleaners. They felicitated the local sweepers & thanked them for their service day in & day out. We cleaned the platforms 9 & 10 of Thane Railway Station.

The best part about the entire project was when a fellow traveler joined us in cleaning the station platform as well. It was the best feeling to be united by a common purpose through cleanliness of community! The effort was also recognized in a local paper called Planet Thane.

